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Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (amended) A compound 8 to 50 nucleobases in length targeted to a nucleic acid molecule encoding human apolipoprotein(a) (SEQ ID NO:3), wherein said compound specifically hybridizes with a nucleic acid molecule encoding human apolipoprotein(a) and inhibits the expression of human apolipoprotein(a).

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claim 3 has been canceled. Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Claim 3 has been subjected to a Restriction Requirement by the Examiner in this case. The Examiner suggests that claim 3 specifically claims multiple sequences which each target and modulate expression of the same gene. The Examiner suggests that the antisense sequences are unrelated and functionally independent and distinct due to each sequence being a unique nucleotide sequence, each sequence targeting different and specific regions of the gene apolipoprotein(a), and each antisense functionally modulating expression of the apolipoprotein(a) gene upon binding to the apolipoprotein(a) gene.